

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1 and 8-12 without prejudice and amend claims 2-4 and 6 as follows.

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A signaling method for a link protocol used for transmitting a data unit in a telecommunication system, comprising the steps of:

a) encapsulating said data unit in a protocol data unit having a field for a sequence number of said data unit; and

b) using a predetermined sequence number for signaling a control function of said link protocol,

~~A method according to claim 1,~~ wherein said control function is a protocol reset function.

3. (Currently Amended) A signaling method for a link protocol used for transmitting a data unit in a telecommunication system, comprising the steps of:

a) encapsulating said data unit in a protocol data unit having a field for a sequence number of said data unit; and

b) using a predetermined sequence number for signaling a control function of said link protocol,

~~A method according to claim 1,~~ wherein said protocol data unit is an RLC protocol data unit of a UMTS system.

4. (Currently Amended) A signaling method for a link protocol used for transmitting a data unit in a telecommunication system, comprising the steps of:

a) encapsulating said data unit in a protocol data unit having a field for a sequence number of said data unit; and

b) using a predetermined sequence number for signaling a control function of said link protocol,

~~A method according to claim 1,~~ wherein said predetermined sequence number is the number "0".

5. (Original) A method according to claim 4, wherein a sequence numbering of said protocol data unit is continued with the number "1" after reaching a maximum number.

6. (Currently Amended) A signaling method for a link protocol used for transmitting a data unit in a telecommunication system, comprising the steps of:

a) encapsulating said data unit in a protocol data unit having a field for a sequence number of said data unit; and

b) using a predetermined sequence number for signaling a control function of said link protocol.

~~A method according to claim 1,~~ wherein said predetermined sequence number is one of the numbers having the highest values addressable in said sequence number field.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 6, wherein a sequence numbering of said protocol data unit is continued with the number "0" after reaching a maximum number defined to be less than said predetermined sequence number.

8. – 12. (Cancelled)